
The provider roles described below do not see patients outside of an inpatient hospital setting. If you have questions, please contact your primary care physician. If you do not have a primary care physician, please call (800) 737-7900 or (859) 301-DOCS (3627).

- **Hospitalist:** Physicians whose focus is the medical care of hospitalized patients.
- **Laborist:** Physicians whose focus is the management of hospital care for pregnant women in labor.
- **Pathologist:** Laboratory-based physicians who examine tissues, check the accuracy of lab tests, interpret the results and serve as a consultant to other physicians.
- **Palliative Care:** Physicians whose focus is on hospitalized patients' physical pain and symptoms while also addressing their emotional/spiritual needs to provide comfort during a serious illness.
- **Geriatrics:** Providers whose focus is to prevent and treat diseases or disabilities of elderly patients, commonly in nursing homes.
- **History & Physical:** Hospital-based physicians who perform a history & physical prior to a surgical procedure.
- **House Physician:** Physicians who supplement the care of hospitalized patients when the primary physician is not immediately available.
- **PRN Physician:** Physicians who see patients on an "as needed" basis. For example, a physician who provides vacation coverage or medical leave coverage for another physician.